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CHR. DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

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JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 12, 1875.

NOW READY.

HENG-SHUI, or, THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. F. J. STRECH. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

BUDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. EISEL. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane Crawford & Co., Hongkong, July 31, 1874.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuratione. A. MACG. HEATON. Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE. MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876. E. MEYER & Co. Tientsin, January 1876. fcl8

NOTICE. MR. CARL KREBS has been duly authorized to sign our Firm per procuratione from this date. MELOHERS & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1876. fcl8

NOTICE. WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hankow. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin. LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE. HAVING resigned my situation in the Yuen Fat Hotel, I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of SUN GRAB & Co. C. SUN GRAB. Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

NOTICE. THE Partnership hitherto existing between JOSEPH THORNE and JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND, under the style of Thorne Brothers & Co., is this day dissolved by effluxion of time; either partner is authorized to sign the firm in liquidation. THORNE BROTHERS & Co. Dec. 31, 1875.

NOTICE. WITH reference to the above, the Business of the late firm of Thorne Brothers & Co. will be continued in future by the Undersigned, under the style of MAITLAND & Co., and Mr. JOHN GRAB is authorized to sign the firm. J. A. MAITLAND. Shanghai, Jan. 1, 1876.

NOTICE. REFERRING to the foregoing advertisement, our Firm at Shanghai, is temporarily closed from this date; the outstanding business will be attended to by Mr. JOHN G. PURDON, to whom all communications should be addressed. Our Firm and business at Hongkong, Foochow, and Canton, will be carried on as heretofore, the interest and responsibility of Mr. JOHN G. PURDON remaining therein unchanged. PURDON & Co. China, Jan. 1, 1876. fcl10

NOTICE. IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE "SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE," IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA and at a large INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. No. 53. CHINA SEA. TAKOW DISTRICT.

FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE, PESCADORES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the new Light on the S. W. extremity of Fisher Island near Litch Point was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 20th December. The new Tower has been erected near the old stone one which has since been removed. The illuminating apparatus is fixed Dioptric, of the Fourth Order, showing a white light visible all round except where obscured by the islands. The Light is elevated 205 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather, it should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles. The Tower is round, of iron, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vanes of 33 feet. The Tower is painted black, and the dwellings and boundary wall will be painted white. Approximate position:—Latitude, N. 23° 32' 50". Longitude, E. 119° 28' 17". By order of the Inspector General of Customs, DAVID M. HENDERSON, Engineer-in-Chief. Imperial Maritime Customs, Amoy, December 30, 1875. fcl9

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the City Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of January next, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors. By order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, December 31, 1875. fcl24

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be Closed from the 11th to the 24th day of January, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, December 31, 1875. fcl24

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1875, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, January 1, 1876. fcl17

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th February Next, both days included. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, January 17, 1876. fcl17

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT requests those of his Friends and Patrons with unfinished work, and those requiring his services, to call at his earliest convenience, as he expects to be absent from the Colony professionally after the 1st of February until further notice. Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED on the 1st February next, after which date no further transfer of shares will be made. ADOLF ANDRE, F. D. SASSOON, Liquidators. Hongkong, January 10, 1876. fcl31

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE Post of Secretary being about to become vacant, Applications for the same addressed to the Chairman will be received up to the 25th instant. Salary \$1,500 per annum. Hongkong, January 18, 1876.

Entertainments.

BURRA KHUBBER.

PUNDIT DAVEE KARAN SEN, B.A.S.S., ORIGINAL BENGALIAN BARD, GRADUATE OF VERNACULAR COLLEGE, RADRA BAZAR, CALCUTTA, Professor of Blackings, Dak Gharries, Mystery of Box, Et genious of hook in homo and Multam in parvo, (Language of Lalin Bacos), Will shortly again appear, and have honour of making Exhibition of Wonderful Feet in SINGING OF THE VOICE, JOKATIVES OF ORIGINAL VIRTUE, CRACKING OF THE BRAIN, DANCING OF PEDAL EXTREMITIES, MANIPULATION OF ON BOVING, AND AMALGAMATION OF SERIOUS LUDICROUSNESS, For which your humble Petitioner will ever more pray.

For Sale.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

FOR SALE. FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. Large, Handpicked, Double-bored at \$8 per Ton. Small, at \$6 per Ton. Apply to T. G. GLOVER, No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point. Hongkong, December 3, 1875.

WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.) WASHMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamers, are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned, in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after the 14th January, 1876. Goods undelivered after 21st January, 1876, will be subject to rest. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, January 14, 1876. fcl21

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. ANADYR.

NOTICE. CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Ganges," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from Monday, the 17th January, Noon. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 p.m. This Day, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 21st inst., at Noon, will be subject to rest and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. O. BERTRAND, Principal Agent. Hongkong, January 16, 1876. fcl21

BRITISH BARK COLDSTREAM, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 13, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German barque, LILIS, Wanz, Master, from Hamburg, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PURDON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on FRIDAY, the 21st January, 1876, at Noon:—Sauces, Pickles, Iron Bolts, Chisels, Files, Hearth Rugs, Clocks, Penholders, Grey Shirtings, Copying Press, Scales, 20 cases Jules Robin's Cognac, 5 quarter casks Port Wine, 8 cwt. Hubbards' Green Paint, and Sundry other Goods. An Assortment of Canton Porcelain Ware. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. Hongkong, Jan. 18, 1876. fcl21

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, 1876, at Noon, at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road, The Schooner Yacht "LOITERER."

447½ Tons, as she now lies at anchor at her Moorings in this harbour (off the Parade Ground). The Vessel can be inspected, and Particulars of her Inventory, &c., can be obtained from the Undersigned. Afterwards, at the same time and place, The MOORINGS, &c., will be Sold in one lot. One Screw MOORING, of 10 cwt. screwed down, 3 fathoms, with 15 ft. 2 in. Chain Bridle, Swivel and Buoy, situated off the Messageries Maritimes Office. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, Jan. 20, 1876. fcl29

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th February, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m., at Stanley Barracks, In Lots, The Materials of the buildings situated on the Military Cantonment, as they now stand, with the exception of the foundations and retaining walls. The purchasers will be required to clear and remove from the ground the rubbish on each lot. The lots may now be viewed, and full particulars obtained, on application at the Control Reserve Stores, Queen's Road, East, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. C. R. SHERVINGTON, Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Controller. Control Office, Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1876. fcl29

N. B.—For the convenience of intending purchasers, a Steam Launch will leave Peddar's Wharf, on the morning of the Sale, at 10 o'clock, for Stanley.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen.) Pints, \$16 " (2 ") 5 per cent. discount on 25 cases. BOURBON WHISKY. \$12 per case (1 dozen.) For Sale by HEARD & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1875. fcl

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW. The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain BURNETT, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Hongkong, January 19, 1876. fcl23

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI. Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN. The Company's Steamship "CYCLES," will be despatched on or about the 23rd Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, January 20, 1876. fcl23

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "SARFEDON," will be despatched on or about the 24th Instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, January 15, 1876. fcl24

FOR SHANGHAI. The Steamship "CHUOPO," expected here about the 22nd Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Port. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 19, 1876.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MALACCA," will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the "Gwalior" with the next English Mail. A. MOYER, Superintendent. Hongkong, January 7, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI. (Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI & HIOGO.) The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "GVALIOR," will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next English Mail. A. MOYER, Superintendent. Hongkong, January 7, 1876.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. The A. 1 British Bark "ORANGE LIA," of 605 Tons Register, Captain T. LANDY, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK. The new A. 1 American Bark "CAPREKA," of 805 Tons Register, Captain T. LANDY, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 9, 1875.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. (Calling at Adelaide if sufficient inducement offers.) The A. 1 British Bark "NOFERT," of 805 Tons Register, Captain T. LANDY, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 7, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK. The A. 1 British Bark "ARDENTIN," of 805 Tons Register, Captain T. LANDY, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 27, 1875.

FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER. The British Ship "CAROLUS MAGNUS," of 1,478 Tons Register, Master, of 1,478 Tons Register, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY, the 29th Inst., at 11 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Agent. Hongkong, January 19, 1876. fcl22

Apply to WIELE & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after **TUESDAY** Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

- Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
- Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
- Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
- Wool-Plaids and Flannels.
- Silks and Poplins.
- Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
- Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.
- Fancy Wool Goods.
- Lace and Linen Sets.
- Starves and Sashes.
- Boys' Suits.
- Children's Dresses.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR BANGKOK.

The Steamship **"MAHARAJAH"**, STEPHENSON, Master, will be despatched for the above Port **TO-MORROW**, Friday, the 21st Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.**
Hongkong, January 20, 1876. ja21

STEAM TO BANGKOK.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. **"ADRIA"**, will leave for the above place at Noon on **SATURDAY**, the 22nd Instant.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1876. ja22

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for **HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.**

The Company's Steamship **"MENELAUS"** will be despatched on or about the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**
Hongkong, January 20, 1876. ja29

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. N. CO.'S S.S. "ULYSSES," FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 25th Instant, for shipment per **Menelaus**.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1876. ja25



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Also, **Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.**

THE PANAMA AND OCEANIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S Steamship **CEYLON**, Captain OSMAN, with Mr. Murray's Mail, Passengers, Goods, and Cargo, will leave for the above place on **THURSDAY**, the 3rd February, at Noon.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon; **SEKOLE** and **PASSENGERS** at the Office until 2 p.m. on the 2nd Instant.

For particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the **P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong.**

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES AND REQUIREMENTS.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overseas Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Partials; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any detention or penalties which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 20, 1876. ja26

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 19, **Presto**, from Whampoa.
Jan. 19, **Liberator**, British ship, 480, Vanderford, Swatow Jan. 18, Ballast.
Jan. 19, **Fuyuen**, Chinese steamer, 920, Crook, Shanghai Jan. 18, General—O. M. S. N. Co.
Jan. 20, **Douglas**, British steamer, 864, Barrie, Foochow Jan. 16, Amoy 17, and Swatow 19, General—D. LAPELLE & Co.
Jan. 20, **Havary**, from Canton.
Jan. 20, **Columbia**, British barque, 834, Solov, Sydney Dec. 12, Coal—HUSSEIN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 16, **Queen of the Fleet**, for Bangkok.
20, **Kashgar**, for Singapore, &c.
20, **Peng-chao-kat**, on a cruise.
20, **Altona**, for Shanghai.
20, **Fuyuen**, for Canton.
20, **Alca**, for Bombay.

CLEARED.

Rajah, for Swatow.
Houwang, for Shanghai.
Copra, for New York.
Hai-koong, for Swatow.
Forcade de la Roquette, for Bangkok.
Genevieve, for Rangoon.
Scotia, for Lakaio.
Pardo, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per **Douglas**, Messrs Pessing and Graunard, 2 European deck and 76 Chinese.
DEPARTED.—Per **Kwengtung**, for Amoy, Major Budgen, s.a., Messrs Deane, Head, Jones, Hughes, Travers and Young. For **Foochow**, Mr. Fleming.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British ship **Liberator** reports: fine clear weather with moderate N. winds. The Chinese steamer **Fuyuen** reports: moderate monsoon and heavy weather throughout. Passed **Kwengtung** yesterday bound North.
The British steamer **Douglas** reports: at 2.30 p.m. on 16th passed Co's steamer **Yesso** at the entrance to the River Min. Experienced variable winds and heavy weather throughout. In **Foochow**: H.M.S. **Midge** and German gun-vessel **Ocylops**. In **Amoy**: Gen. frigate **Arctique**. In **Swatow**: str. **Amoy** and **Swatow**.
The British barque **Columbia** reports: had S. winds and fine weather to the Equator, which was reached on the 4th inst., thence to port strong monsoon with fine weather. Passed a Danish barque on Tuesday last, near the South Cape of Formosa, bound North.

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is given in the **London & China Express**, dated December 3—

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 22, **Portland**, from Portland O. to Hongkong.
Nov. 18, **Tasman**, from New York to Hongkong.
Nov. 23, **Anana**, from Antwerp to China.
Nov. 24, **Candace**, from Hamburg to Yokohama.
Nov. 25, **Benledi** (str.), from London to China and Japan.
Nov. 25, **Cheops** (str.), from Plymouth to Shanghai.
Nov. 26, **Ulysses** (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.
Nov. 26, **Annie Fish**, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Nov. 27, **Tamesa**, from London to Yokohama.
Nov. 27, **Jylland**, from Hamburg to Hongkong.
Dec. 1, **Oceanus**, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Dec. 1, **Armanella**, from Cardiff to Yokohama.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At **London**:—Steamers via **Suez Canal**.
Bengal. Lord of the Isles.
Oxfordshire. **Crobus**.

Sailing Vessels.

M. A. Dixon. Ziba.
Forward Ho. Nestor.
Evelyn.
At **Liverpool**.
Stentor (str.). Menelaus (str.).
Diomed (str.).
At **Glasgow**.
Duart Bay.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:

For **SEANGHAI**.—Per **HOWSANG**, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 21st Inst.

For **SAIGON**.—Per **PARDON**, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 21st Instant, instead of as previously notified.

For **BANGKOK**.—Per **MAHARAJAH**, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 21st Inst.

Per **ADRIA**, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 22nd Inst.

For **MANILA**.—Per **LYTE**, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 22nd Inst.

For **SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW**.—Per **DOUGLAS**, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 22nd Inst.

For **BANGKOK**.—Per **RAJANATTIANURAR**, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, the 24th Inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet **GALLO**, will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 3rd February, at 11 p.m. with the Mail.

For **Yokohama**, **San Francisco**, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet on 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents in addition to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory.

Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.

Correspondence addressed to **Yokohama**, and the United States must be super-scribed per **Gallo**, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be super-scribed "via **San Francisco**."

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1876. ja27

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet **AMAZONE** will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 27th January, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via **Marseilles** to **Europe**, **Saigon**, **Singapore**, **Galle**, **Australia**, and **New Zealand**, **Aden**, **Suez**, and **Alexandria**.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.—

Wednesday, 26th Jan.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 27th Jan.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m. when the Post Office closes entirely.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, January 19, 1876. ja27

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet **CEYLON** will be despatched with the Mails for **Europe**, &c., on **THURSDAY**, the 3rd February.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.—

Wednesday, 2nd Feb.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.

5 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 3rd Feb.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents extra postage until

11 a.m. when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via **Brindisi** or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m. Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Jan. 20, 1876. ja28

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Jan. 22:

11 a.m.—**Lyte** leaves for Manila.

Noon.—**Adria** leaves for Bangkok.

Noon.—Sale of the Schooner Yacht **Lotterer** off the Parade Ground.

SUNDAY, Jan. 23:

Daylight.—**Douglas** leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

Ulysses leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

MONDAY, Jan. 24:

3 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, Limited, at the City Hall.

Serpent leaves for London on or about this date.

TUESDAY, Jan. 25:

Shipping Orders regarding Optional Carriage or **Ulysses** for shipment per **Menelaus** must be obtained from the Agents not later than this date.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28:

3.30 p.m.—Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, at Hongkong Hotel building.

SATURDAY, Jan. 29:

Menelaus leaves for Shanghai on or about this date.

MONDAY, Jan. 31:

Claims against the Estates of Seth Avist Seth, Johannes Christian Bobsein, Von Tsee, Henry Stroud, Ah-yoon, George Munro, Daniel Norton, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1:

The Transfer Books of the Victoria Fire Insurance Company of Hongkong Limited, in Liquidation, will be closed from this date.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3:

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer **Galle** leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, closed, from this date to 17th February, included.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9:

2 p.m.—Sale of Building Materials on Military Cantonment, at Stanley Barracks.

THURSDAY, Feb. 16:

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17:

8 p.m.—Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

MONDAY, Feb. 28:

Claims against the Estate of George Barry Falconer, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

SATURDAY, April 1:

Warrants against undivided Dividends, Bonuses or Interests on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:

Claims against the Estate of Dietherich Hulschlag-Guerrero Antonio Guerrero, Maria Gerardo, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MONDAY, July 31:

Claims against the Estates of Gustav Thibet, Edward Parker, Edward Richard Huddley, Kwong Tam, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yoh, Leung Saw Fan, Man Ouk, and a Chinaman, names unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—**Hailong** leaves for Swatow.
4 p.m.—**Maharajah** leaves for Bangkok.
Benledi leaves for Yokohama and Hiogo on or about this date.

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Hongkong, October 30, 1875. ja80

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.00 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 20, 1876.

THE OVERLAND MAIL.

In its anxiety to clear the British nation of the charge of want of foresight brought against it regarding the Suez Canal, speaks of it as a fallacy, "the facts being historically exactly the reverse." In support of this assertion it quotes from a report made by the late General (then Captain) Cheneby to our Ambassador at Constantinople, under date of September 2, 1830, in which he declared that there were "no serious natural difficulties," and added that the canal scheme would be "a grand and beneficial speculation for the world, as well as a paying one." Ten years after this discovery, Capt. Vetch, of the Royal Engineers, proposed to follow it out practically and make a canal. Our contemporary adds—"that the project then fell through, to become afterwards a success in French hands, shows our diplomatic views to have been mistaken as our engineering judgment was correct. But it is hard that we are to have the discredit nowadays of the blunder which General Cheneby was the first to detect and expose forty-five years ago." To this view we cannot at all agree. Nobody ever doubted that individual Englishmen, some of them men of high reputation as practical engineers, pronounced for the feasibility of the scheme. But our Government and a large number of men who were supposed to be competent judges opposed and ridiculed the idea; and it is not at all "hard" that the laugh should now be against us. Lord Derby, in his interviews with the French Ambassador, frankly admitted this. He made no pretence that, while our diplomatic views were mistaken, our engineering judgment was correct. On the contrary, he admitted our error in both particulars, and in so doing acted straightforwardly.

Interested as we all are in China in the fortunes of the Canal, a slight comparison of its present with its original traffic may be worth drawing. From the numerous essays on the matter which our suddenly-acquired interest has evoked, we learn that during the first month of its operation only 10 vessels passed through the Canal. Since then there has been a striking progression, the number of vessels in 1870 being 489; in 1871, 793; in 1872, 1082; in 1873, 1173; in 1874, 1264. In 1870 the net tonnage amounted to 486,609, producing to the Company 5,048,944 francs; in 1874 it reached 1,681,640 tons, producing 24,748,900 francs. Now the shares command a premium of 80 to 40 per cent, while two years ago they stood less than 60 per cent of the capital paid in. This relative importance of British as compared with other interests in its maintenance may be gathered from the following figures: out of the 5288 vessels which made the transit from December 1, 1869, to April 1, 1875, 8602 were British, and out of the 206,869 soldiers forwarded 81,103 were British, while Turkey forwarded 74,786, France 30,213, and Holland 12,271. Hitherto we have been merely its users, now we are its part proprietors. As regards the views taken by other European powers of our purchase, we cannot but express our surprise that they have been, in the main, so favourable. We took occasion a few days since to comment on the folly of some of the London journals in expecting that our action

would be hailed with acclamation by the European world. By the mail just to hand, we note, with some gratification, that so influential a journal as the **Poll** **Mail** **Gazette** takes precisely the same line.

When, day after day, we read articles in the English newspapers complaining of the irritation, and even of the "coldness," with which foreign journals are discussing the matter, we are obliged to ask what sort of reception the writers of these articles expected the action of our Government to encounter abroad, and what ground there is for their apparent disappointment at the actual result? What would they have had our Continental neighbours say when they first heard the news? To judge by what we read, they must have expected that our purchase of the Viceroy's interest in the Suez Canal ought to have met with something much more gushing than acquiescence, admission that the step was a natural and a just one for us to take, and recognition of the fact that, as a piece of timely foresight and quiet offensive action, it is at least worthy of respect. All this has been conceded over and over again with one would have thought, sufficient frankness to gratify any amount of English vanity or reassure any amount of English timidity. But some of us nevertheless appear to be deeply disappointed because our Continental neighbours do not form a ring round us and clap their hands in delight at the step we have just taken.

This is sensible and true, and we are glad to find that it appears in columns which, according to the late Emperor Napoleon III., "give the best reflex of cultivated English opinion."

The journal from which we first quoted above now states that the Khedive is engaged in a new scheme which he expects will supersede the Canal as a rival mail route. This consists of a railway from Alexandria to Cairo, and thence by railway, river and lake to Muscat, a port on the Red Sea.

Twenty-four hours will, it is said, be saved by this scheme, and for passengers and mails it may be successful. But it will, of course, leave Canal interests unharmed for through steamers, such as those which visit China, and does not present any advantages to those who avail themselves of the through steamer passage. Still, it is odd that, just as we fancy all has been done which seems possible to facilitate communication between home and the Far East, another project should be set on foot. At present we fancy the communities resident out here will be satisfied to know that we hold a large stake in the success of the Canal, and that arrangements for widening and deepening it are likely to be very soon made under British auspices.

A WRITER in the last number of the **China Review** asks why yellow is the Imperial colour. Without forestalling the answer which some learned contributor will doubtless accord—for there is a reason—we may note that the superstitions regard paid to it as reserved for the special use of the Son of Heaven has by no means lessened. The new Viceroy of Nanking has, it would appear, been much exercised in his mind at observing that while the custom as regarded pure yellow is kept inviolate within his jurisdiction, a large number of officials appeared at his reception dressed in clothes dyed "Honey yellow," so called from its paleness and bearing an appreciable similarity to the tabacco colour. "How dare you presume," said he to the assembly, "to wear that color, a color which

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Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1875. f625

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